



# PEACENOTES



## August

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Peace United Church of Christ, 37 East Swartzville Road, Denver, PA 17517

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

It would be nice if we were able to live our lives in a nice, neat, logical progression. It would be nice, if in life, the faithful were always blessed and never have to face the questions of doubt and uncertainty. It would be nice if life was always fair, but it is not. There are ups and downs. There are bright days and there are dark days. There are days when God seems incredibly close and days when God seems far away. There are days when it seems as though we know exactly what we are doing and where we are going, and there are days when we seem hopelessly lost.

So I share with you the following from the book "Jayber Crow" by Wendell Berry. It is a reminder that God is always with us and in some strange way leading us:

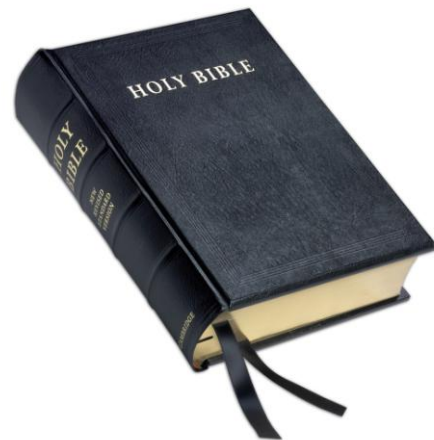
*If you could do it, I suppose, it would be a good idea to live your life in a straight line -- starting, say, in the Dark Wood of Error, and proceeding by logical steps through Hell and Purgatory and into Heaven. Or you could take the King's Highway past appropriately named dangers, toils and snares and finally cross the River of Death and enter the Celestial City.*

*But that is not the way I have done it, so far. I am a pilgrim, but my pilgrimage has been wandering and unmarked. Often what has looked like a straight line to me has been a circle or a doubling back. I have been in the Dark Wood of Error any number of times. I have known something of Hell, Purgatory and Heaven, but not always in that order. The names of many snares and dangers have been made known to me, but I have seen them only in looking back. Often I have not known where I was going until I was already there. I have had my share of desires and goals, but*

*my life has come to me or I have gone to it mainly by way of mistakes and surprises. Often I have received better than I have deserved. Often my fairest hopes have rested on bad mistakes. I am an ignorant pilgrim, crossing a dark valley. And yet for a long time, looking back, I have been unable to shake off the feeling that I have been led - make of that what you will.*

May you see that God is with you and leading you!

Pastor Bill



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## HEAD USHER

**Cindy Anthony**

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## ALTAR GUILD

Lillian Messner  
Nancy Reese

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## GREETERS

**August 3** Jack and Mary Bernstel  
**August 10** Dan and Pat Hall  
**August 17** Pastor Bill and Janis Hoch  
**August 24** Ann Englert  
**August 31** Sheree Wolf

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

**August 3** Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reinhart  
**August 10** Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gress  
**August 17** Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long  
**August 24** Fred and Randy Stauffer  
**August 31** Mr. and Mrs. John Haldeman

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the September issue of Peace Notes is August 20th.** Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the Secretary's desk or email it to: [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)  
Thank you!  
Note: This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

## August Birthdays

- August 1** Ardel Garner  
 Mardel Lausch  
**August 2** Robert Freeman  
 Doris Fultz  
 Michael Youtz  
**August 4** Robert Harting  
 Brian Leshar  
**August 6** **Jean Youndt\*\***  
**August 8** Barb Hoffert  
**August 11** **Elizabeth Freeman\*\***  
**August 12** Eleanor Bailey  
 Kristen Delewski  
**August 13** Mary Jane Steely  
**August 15** Karli Little  
**August 17** Linda Coventry  
 Brian Strouse  
**August 19** Beth Sipe  
**August 24** **Ethyl Youndt\*\***  
**August 25** Arthur Gehman  
 Teresa Youtz  
**August 27** Melvin Gerhart  
**August 28** Larry Fasnacht  
**August 29** Lillian Messner  
 Andrea Moore  
 Craig Bixler  
 Ryan Hertzog  
**August 30** Marian Gerhart  
**August 31** Taylor Patterson

### \*\* Special Care and Concern Member

Please remember these members with a card that can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex.



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 Did we miss your birthday or anniversary this month?  
 Was your information incorrect? If so, please send  
 the correct information to [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)  
 or place a note in the Peace Notes envelope on the secretary's desk.  
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## August Anniversaries

- August 3** Keith and Barb Hoffert  
**August 6** Tim and Kristine Butz  
**August 13** Duane and Yinell Good  
**August 16** Greg and Kathy Strunk  
**August 23** Ray and Carolyn Wolverton  
 Matt and Kendra Sauder  
**August 29** Kenneth and Helen Youndt

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# Thank You's

Our family wants to thank everyone for all the cards  
 and all the kind words of comfort that we received  
 following my Father's recent passing. The memorial  
 contribution in Dad's name was overwhelming. I am  
 sure he is looking down and smiling at the church and  
 the people he so loved. Special thanks to Ginny for  
 the special music and to the kitchen crew for a won-  
 derful luncheon. A special thanks to Pastor Bill for  
 his support and prayers during Dad's final days and  
 for the continuing spiritual care for our Mother.

*Chris and Linda Fitterling and Family*

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Thank you to all who sent me beautiful birthday  
 cards. I appreciated every one!

*Dolly Youndt*

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Thank you for your cards, prayers, food and visits. It  
 is in times like this that you realize the great church  
 family we have here at Peace Church. Thanks to Pas-  
 tor Bill for all he has done.

*Thank you, Erla Hartranft*

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**PEACE NOTES**

If you are still receiving Peace Notes in the mail and you have access to e-mail or can pick it up at the church, please send an e-mail to [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org) or place a note in the Peace Notes folder with your e-mail address or preference to pick it up at church. If you are receiving Peace Notes via both e-mail and mail, please let me know so we can remove you from the mailing list.

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**RE-CREATION**

Peace Church will be hosting Re-creation on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> during our regular 9 am Sunday Service. Re-Creation will be presenting the NEW program and introducing new members of the ensemble. Please extend an invitation to this day of uplifting music and the joyful celebration of God's love!

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**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

will be sponsoring a time of fun and fellowship at the Denver Nursing Home. This event will be held on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the Denver Nursing Home at 6:30 so the program may begin at 6:45!

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**ADULT MINISTRY**

**Apple Cook-off coming**

First we did chili, then chocolate. This year we're focusing on apples. Go through your recipes and pick a good one for the competition. It can be a dessert or a main dish appetizer or snack.

**Mark your calendar for October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Lots of Halloween fun being planned so costumes are encouraged. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

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**ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Summer Indoor Picnic/Meeting on Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Hamburger

Bar-B-Q and drink will be provided, bring a covered dish if you wish.

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**FAITH EXPLORATION EVENT**

On Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Gretchen and Courtney Hall will share their experiences from their recent trip to Africa. Please Join us for a time of fellowship and faith! We will gather at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

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**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Peace Church will be serving the community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. We need to be at the church to set up by 5:00 pm. Please check the secretary's window for the sign-up sheet. We will need about 10 dozen cupcakes for dessert. Again, please see the sign-up sheet on the secretary's window.

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**GRADUATES**

Congratulations to **Christina Kauffman**, daughter of Ron and Pauletta Kauffman of Stevens. She graduated from Cocalico High School. She is going to attend Alvernia this fall, majoring in nursing and minoring in Spanish..

Chrissy has been an active member in the Leo club in high school. She is also involved with our youth group, been on several mission trips, helped with VBS this year, and serves as a member of the Stevens Fire Company.

**Bryanna Leigh Hartranft**, a 2014 graduate from Wilson High School will be attending Slippery Rock University in western Pennsylvania this fall with hopes of becoming a physical therapist. Bryanna busses tables at the Gouglersville Fire Company and is a fun loving person who enjoys hanging out with her family and friends. Bryanna is the daughter of Larry and Becky Hartranft, sister to Jacob, niece to Lori Hartranft and a granddaughter to Erla Hartranft

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# August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>Joshua High</b>	2  <b>Judy High</b>
3 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am – Contem- porary Service Communion served at both services  <b>Kayla High</b>	4 10 am – Altar Guild Meeting 6:45 pm – Health & Welfare at Denver Nursing Home  <b>Megan High</b>	5 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Bill &amp; Janis Hoch</b>	6  <b>Keith &amp; Barb Hoffert</b>	7  <b>Michael &amp; Kristen Hoffert</b>	8  <b>Fran Hollen</b>	9  <b>Ken &amp; Anna Hopkins</b>
10 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am – Contem- porary Service  <b>Mike Hornberger</b>	11  <b>Gene Huston</b>	12 1 pm - Bible Study 6:30 pm – Spir- itual Council 7 pm – Church Council <b>Rosemary John- ston</b>	13  <b>Jon &amp; Jill Kegerise</b>	  <b>Ben Kegerise</b>	15  <b>JR Kegerise</b>	16  <b>Alverta Kilhefner</b>
17 9 am - Traditional Worship - Re- Creation 10:30 am – Contem- porary Service  <b>Mark Kline</b>	18  <b>Shirley Kline</b>	19 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Arthur Klink</b>	20  <b>Kevin &amp; Jess Klinkner</b>	21  <b>Harold &amp; Ann Kohl</b>	22  <b>Janice Kohl</b>	23  <b>Mildred Krick</b>
24 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am – Contem- porary Service 6 pm - Faith Explora- tion Event <b>Paul Kring</b>	25  <b>Russell &amp; Julie LaSalle</b>	26 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Chris &amp; Jessica Lausch</b>	27  <b>Clair &amp; Mardel Lausch</b>	28 5 pm – Com- munity Dinner  <b>Scott &amp; Lise Lausch</b>	29  <b>Sylvia Leach</b>	30  <b>Betty Leisey</b>
31 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am – Contem- porary Service <b>Ken &amp; Nancy Leshner</b>						

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Return Service Requested

### August Events

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion at both services**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild Meeting/Picnic – 10 am**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup> - Health and Welfare at Denver Nursing Home – 6:45 pm**  
**August 17<sup>th</sup> – Re-Creation – 9 am**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup> – Faith Exploration Event – 6 pm**  
**August 28<sup>th</sup> – Community Dinner – 5 pm**

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